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The Portland Argus keeps on publishing editorial based on the Boston Herald's account of Mr. Blaine and the election of Senator Dawes, even after the Herald had corrected its false statement.

The Lowell Courier says: The favorite business of some idiots just now is to put Mr. Blaine's mouth words which he never uttered and then accuse him of lying when he denies their authenticity.

It is highly gratifying to reflect that the election of Ex-Senator Paddock of New Brunswick, insures that the validity of an election of a United States Senator both in Indianapolis and Trenton will be passed upon by a Republican Senate.

The names of Senator Conger of Michigan and Col. Morrison of Illinois are mentioned in connection with the Interstate Commerce Commission. City Service Commissioner Oberly has his eye on the \$7,500 salary and would like a change.

The statement of Hon. John Baker, who is to succeed Col. Morrison in the next House, that his entire campaign expenses amounted to \$300 is an interesting contribution to the talk in Democratic organs that Morrison was defeated by money.

The Women's Christian Temperance Union, of Washington, prefer grave charges against the District Commissioners who it is alleged disregard "the rights of the people" and ask the Senate for an immediate investigation.

The Senate yesterday passed the Edmunds bill by a vote of forty-six to one. The Senate has acted with commendable promptness in meeting this question and equal decision on the part of the House will convince the Democratic authorities that this is not a "game of bluff."

An annoying error occurred in our Washington dispatch on the pension bill, stating that it gave men who served the Government ninety days in the Mexican or any other war and then served four years in the "regular" army the same pension granted to soldiers who fought actively for their country. Of course the rebel army was meant instead of the regular army.

Among the matters presented to Congress by the Maine delegation are the following: Representative Dingler a memorial of the Maine State Grange for the passage of the bill establishing experimental stations; Representative Boutelle a petition of citizens of Maine for the enactment of a bill providing for temporary aid to common schools; Representative Reed a petition of 377 citizens of the First District of Maine, for the same purpose.

Free trade papers in the East have asserted that Senator-elect Davis, of Minnesota, is what they are pleased to call a revenue reformer. The Minneapolis Tribune, which ought to know, says that the Senator-elect "thought through the last campaign on the protective tariff ground, as did Mr. Windom and Mr. Gilliland, and he has no sympathy with the peculiar attitude before the country into which certain men have forced the Republican party of Minnesota."

The New York Evening Post characterizes Mr. Boutelle as the "champion of all northern Bourbons" on account of his opposition to that section of a bill placing on the pension rolls of the Government the men who persistently fought for its destruction. As long as there are thousands of the loyal defenders of the old flag awaiting an adjustment of their pension claims organs like the Post will make little headway in criticizing Congressmen for opposing pensions to ex-Confederates.

Hon. A. S. Paddock, who has just been elected as a successor to Senator Van Wyck, was born at Glen Falls, N. Y., in 1830. He was educated for the bar, and in 1857 he removed to Omaha. He soon became a prominent Republican in Nebraska, and in 1861 he was made Secretary of Nebraska, which office he held until 1867, when the Territory was admitted as a State. He acted as Governor for a considerable part of this period. He rejected the appointment as Governor of Wyoming Territory in 1868. In 1875 he succeeded Thomas W. Tipton (Liberal) as United States Senator, and in 1881 he was succeeded by Senator Van Wyck, whose seat he will next March. After his retirement from the Senate in 1881, he was made Secretary of the Utah Commission, a position which he resigned a short time ago.

Senator Dwight M. Smith of Minnesota, speaking of Mr. Blaine, said: "There is no doubt about Mr. Blaine's popularity in my State. The members of the Legislature who express themselves in favor of Mr. Blaine for 1888 reflect the sentiment of the constituents. The 'Plumed Knight's' personal magnetism and brilliant qualities as a statesman are facts that the people in Minnesota recognize and admire. How far this feeling extends among the masses generally can be ascertained at public gatherings by counting the name of Mr. Blaine. It is a signal for applause. Then, too, Mr. Blaine's quiet and manly course after defeat; his cheerful optimism and refusal to walk, as some do who aspire and lose, have simply exemplified his greatness and endeared him to the Republicans in my State. This is how we look upon him. If Mr. Blaine wishes a re-nomination he can get the solid delegation from my State in 1888."

Mr. Charles E. Fitch, who was for Mr. Morton, writing editorially in the Rochester Democrat (Rep.), says: "We have expressed our full appreciation of the statesmanlike quality, the excellent equipment, and political services of the Hon. Frank Blaine. The writer of this article has known him intimately from early manhood, and has watched him pass from lively interest and pride. Step by step he has advanced from his first election to a local legal office, through five terms in the House of Representatives, where he has been recognized as a leader, until, at the age of fifty-two, he attained membership in the first legislative body in the world. At this time, his vigorous, patriotic, and his daring his ten years in the House, broadened his statesmanship by earnest study of political history and economic problems. His bearing, graceful in his manner, and in all his movements, his handsomeness in person, his will look as well as the Senator."

Some of the Democratic papers with a view of whitewashing the Indiana fraud have stated that the order restraining Lieutenant Governor Robertson from occupying the office to which he was regularly chosen by the people, was granted by a Republican Judge. The anxiety to shift the responsibility only shows that the Democrats fully realize their unpopularity. As a matter of fact, however, Judge Ayres was not only a Republican, but he had no legal claim to a place on the bench, from which he gave this decision. He never was elected, Judge. He was fraudulently counted into the judge's office by the very Democrats who have been most anxious to bring the now celebrated case of the State, on the relation of him against Robertson, before him. While he was delivering his opinion the recount of the votes which gave his seat to the duly elected Judge Ayres was completed. His clerk finished what he had begun, and the completion of the transcript of proceedings until it was too late for the Supreme Court to take cognizance of the matter prior to the time of holding the joint convention for the election of United States Senator.

The Indiana Republicans who are on the ground ought to be the best judges of the course to be pursued in antagonizing the snarled legislative sleight in that State. But says the Philadelphia Press, confidence in their judgment will not be increased when it is known that the compromise they have made with the Democrats, and which seems to give the latter an unnecessary advantage, was entered into without the knowledge of Senator Harrison and other Republican leaders. If the struggle as it is now, and the administration in which the Republican forces have been handled at Indianapolis should have prevented any change in leaders. It was the height of folly to compromise with the Democrats when they had just shown their desperation by unseating a Republican Senator on a flimsy plea of bribery, and without any color of law putting his Democratic opponent in his place. Republicans do not ask the party in Indiana to take one illegal step, but they do expect them to maintain their position. If they do less they can not hope to keep the respect of Republicans or Democrats.

Charles A. Dana, Assistant Secretary of War of Lincoln Administration, in the New York Sun.

Grant and McClellan.

In reply to Mr. L. M. McCurdy, a former Confederate soldier, who served continuously from the beginning of the rebellion to the end of it in the Army of the Northern Virginia under Lee, and who has addressed a courteous letter in the "Argus" to our correspondence upon the relations of Mr. Stanton to General McClellan, we make the following explanation:

It is indubitably true that the problem presented to Grant when he assumed command of the loyal armies in Virginia was very different from the one which McClellan had to wrestle with, but it is also true that Grant went about it in a way very different from that pursued by McClellan. He had no time in moving out to find and fight Lee, with just what resources the Government was able to put at his command, and before going he had, man fashion, to Mr. Lincoln and Mr. Stanton that they had done all they could to promote his success, and if he failed the fault would be his own and not theirs. He did not decline to explain his plan to the President, as McClellan did, nor did he move his army by a "giant's stride" 250 miles by land and water from the Rappahannock to the James River and take two months to do it in as McClellan did, ostensibly to find an enemy, the heart of whose army was not ten miles away, and which three years' experience had shown to be about the easiest thing in Virginia to find.

Grant went straight at it, and overbore it, and ultimately destroyed it by a series of movements and battles unlike anything ever seen before in modern warfare, and we do not doubt that had McClellan used the same kind of strategy, tactics, logistics, courage, and resolution, when the task was his, as Grant used, he would have destroyed Lee's army in his first campaign against it. Neither do we doubt that if Grant had been in McClellan's place, after that at Malvern Hill or at Antietam, he would have gained a great victory then and there. Moreover, we "honestly believe" that if Grant had commanded the Army of the Potomac at any time before Gettysburg "he would have cut a greater figure in history" than any of its commanders, just the same as he has done since for the simple reason that he had a habit from the first of fighting his battles and campaigns on his own terms, and not on the terms of the opposition, and all the conditions of the campaign in Virginia were relatively just as favorable to that kind of a conclusion from the beginning as they were elsewhere.

Our correspondent says, truthfully enough, however, that the Army of Northern Virginia always rated McClellan and made above Grant, and he seems to be surprised that everybody else did not do the same; but this is far from being conclusive as to the relative merit of the commanders in question. It is a custom as old as the hills to praise the victor and to blame the vanquished. In our own history we have but too many examples of this. Sherman, in his Memoirs, praises Sherman (inordinately); and many other instances of the same sort might be pointed out, but it is hardly worth the trouble, for very few people regard such praise as even raising the presumption of superiority.

Gen. McClellan was an accomplished and patriotic man, and indubitably did the country a great service by organizing the Army of the Potomac, the first of the kind of Bull Run; but for the best of reasons we regard the rest of his career as a signal failure, notwithstanding the drawn battle at Antietam. Accordingly we reiterate our judgment that the withdrawal of confidence from him on the part of the President and Secretary of War was not only fully justified, but, if anything, too long delayed. We hope we have made ourselves understood by Mr. McCurdy.

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There will be a stated meeting of Rising Virtue Lodge No. 10, F. & A. M., at 7 o'clock, on FRIDAY EVENING, Jan. 27, at the residence of Mr. J. H. Handell.

Installation of Officers.
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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
BANGOR, JAN. 28, 1887.

Resolved, That the records of the House and bills for private and special legislation, be sent to the Hon. J. H. Handell, Clerk of the House, to be kept in his office, and that all petitions and bills presented after that date, be referred to the next Legislature, to be held at Bangor, on the 27th day of January, 1888. The House of Representatives, Bangor, Jan. 28, 1887. J. H. HANDELL, Clerk.

Reminders Before Committee on
Railroads, Telegraphs and Ex-
presses.

The Committee on Railroads, Telegraphs and Expresses will give a public hearing on the petition of J. H. Handell, Clerk of the House, for the charter of the Bangor and Kennebec Railroad, at the residence of Mr. J. H. Handell, on FRIDAY, Jan. 27, at 7 o'clock.

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